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SUBJECT: CU/EA -- IV GRANT FOR INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM

1. POST TENTATIVELY NOMINATES MR. SUN-CHUEN WONG FOR TRAVEL GRANT TO ENABLE HIM PARTICIPATE IN IWP. BELIEVE FUNDS REMAINING IN ALLOCATION ALMOST SUFFICIENT TO COVER.
2. AWARD OF GRANT HINGES ON WHETHER IWP CAN PROVIDE OTHER FUNDS NEEDED. IF THEY CANNOT, COULD DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS, FROM FALL-OUT OR OTHER SOURCES?
3. PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER AND ENDS DECEMBER 31, 1977.
4. HOPE DECISION CAN BE MADE SOON, SINCE WONG MUST OBTAIN LEAVE FROM EMPLOYER, OR RESIGN, WHICH HE IS WILLING TO DO.
5. WONG BORN IN HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 12, 1921. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS AN ACCOUNTANT AND WRITER. PROLIFIC WRITER, HE HAS PUBLISHED MANY BOOKS OF POETRY, NOVELS, AND ESSAYS, AND WRITES REGULARLY FOR NEW EVENING POST, A PRO-PRC EVENING NEWSPAPER. BOOKS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY SEVENTIES MONTHLY AND OTHER LEFTIST PUBLISHERS IN HONG KONG. WAS EMPLOYED AS INTERPRETER/CLERK BY U.S. ARMY FROM 1945 TO 1948 IN KUNMING AND

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NANKING. TRAVELLED TO FRENCH INDO-CHINA WITH U.S. ARMY UNIT IN 1945, VISITED EUROPE IN 1969, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE IN 1972, THAILAND, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE IN 1975. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH TO GOOD. MARRIED, NO CHILDREN. INTERESTS ARE WRITING, STUDYING, MEETING PEOPLE. NAME CHECK CLEARED.

6. THIS IS CLOSE AS POST CAN GET AT PRESENT TO
NOMINATING PRC OR PRO-PRC REPRESENTATIVES IN HONG KONG.

7. WONG FRIENDLY AND OPEN. TOLD CAO THAT DURING
STAY IN CHINA, HE BECAME VERY DISILLUSIONED WITH
NATIONALISTS. THIS IS REFLECTED IN HIS WRITING AND
COULD BE MAJOR REASON FOR HIS LEANING TOWARD PRC.

8. IF POSSIBILITY AWAARDING GRANT APPEARS GOOD,
SUGGEST CU/EA CONTACT PAUL ENGLE OR HIS WIFE AT IWP
TO DISCUSS DETAILS.
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